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# DRC Announces Utah's 2014 Radon Contest Winners

Salt Lake City, Utah — The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Division of Radiation Control (DRC) today announced the three student winners for the 2014 National Radon Poster Contest:

- **First-place:** Ali MaCall Jenkins (age 12), Mapleton Junior High, *"Stop Radon Before it Stops You or Someone You Love!"*
- **Second-place:** Megan Morrin (age 10), Alpine Elementary, *"Times Up! Check for Radon."*
- **Third-place:** Joseph Hardin (age 14), Aspire Scholar Academy-Homeschool Co-op, *"Solve the Puzzle, Fit the Pieces Together"*

Utah students, ages 9-14, rose to the challenge of educating their communities about radon through art. There was an enormous response this year with more than 700 entries. Posters illustrated the dangers of radon, where it comes from, how it gets into our homes and how Utah citizens can test their home for this invisible, radioactive gas. Much appreciation goes to all participants for their contributing artwork and support. The winning posters can be viewed at [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov).

"The poster contest is a great way to bring awareness and educate the public about the dangers of radon gas, the second leading cause of lung cancer," said John Hultquist, radon manager with the Division of Radiation Control.

The creative artwork was narrowed down to 75 posters by DEQ staff. The artwork was then displayed on DEQ's website for public voting during October. The 2014 state winners and the first-place winner's school will receive cash awards. The winning posters will be entered in the National Radon Poster Contest. National winners receive award plaques and gift cards in the amount of \$1,000 for first place, \$600 for second and \$400 for an honorable mention. In the past, several Utah winners have gone on to be national winners.

More information about radon test kits, radon measurement providers and radon mitigators is available at [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov) or by calling the DEQ information hotline at 1-800-458-0145.

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